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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FOR SON OF BRAZILIAN
DIPLOMAT

1. BRAZILIAN AMBASSADOR TO KUWAIT, P.H. (APPARENTLY PAULO HENRIQUE DE) PARANAGUA, HAS APPEALED TO SENATOR KENNEDY FOR HELP FOR HIS SON PAULO ANTONIO DE PARANAGUA, BORN 1948, WHO IS IMPRISONED IN ARGENTINA. SON'S FINANCE MARIA REGINA JACOB PILLA, IS ALSO IN JAIL. BOTH ARE BRAZILIAN CITIZENS AND WERE DETAINED IN LA PLATA BEFORE FALL OF PRESIDENT PERON. FOLLOWING TRIAL, JUDGE RECOMMENDED THEY BE FREED, BUT STATE OF SIEGE INTERVENED. REPORTEDLY BOTH HAVE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR FRENCH VISAS AND OFFERS OF ASSISTANCE IN RESETTLEMENT IN FRANCE, INCLUDING A LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT OR SUPPORT FROM FRENCH INTERIOR MINISTER.

2. INFORMATION PROVIDED TO SENATOR'S OFFICE INDICATES SON HAS HAD NO REPEAT NO DIFFICULTIES WITH BRAZILIAN AUTHORITIES, BUT THAT FIANCE MAY HAVE PAST RECORD OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN BRAZIL OR SUSPICION THEREOF ON PART OF GOB LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. SENATOR HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING RELEASE OF YOUNG PARANAGUA AND FIANCÉE. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO SEEK WHATEVER INFORMATION MAY BE AVAILABLE FROM FRENCH EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES AND ANY APPROPRIATE ARGENTINE SOURCES.

4. (FYI: AMBASSADOR PARANAGUA EXPLAINED TO SENATOR THAT, GIVEN GENERAL ATTITUDE AND VIEWS OF BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT, HE WAS NOT REPEAT NOT SEEKING HELP THROUGH HIS OWN DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. IF NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN OUR INTEREST IN CASE, EMBASSY SHOULD SAY SIMPLY THAT IT IS BASED ON CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY.) ROBINSON

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